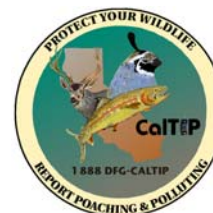




State of California - The Resources Agency
DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME
2011 CACHE CREEK TULE ELK HUNT
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General Information: Congratulations on receiving a Cache Creek Tule Elk tag! This hunt has occurred annually since 1989.

A **mandatory** elk hunter orientation will be conducted by telephone before the hunt. Our goal is to assure that you have a safe and enjoyable hunting experience. Please contact Mr. Josh Bush Wildlife Biologist, at (916) 374-9137, by mid September for the orientation.

Most of the land occupied by elk in the hunt area is in public ownership (Bureau of Land Management, Department of Fish and Game, or other State-administered lands). There are private lands within the hunt area boundary. These lands are open to elk hunting only with the **written permission** of the land owner. Your elk tag does not give you the authority to enter private property. You may obtain maps of the public lands in the area and information regarding campfire permits by contacting the Bureau of Land Management, 2550 North State Street, Ukiah, CA 95482, or by telephone at (707) 468-4000.

Remember, as indicated in the current Hunting Regulations for Mammals and Furbearers, this is a wilderness hunt. Visit the website address below for specific zone regulations (hunt zone map, description, and harvest success information can also be viewed at this address).

<http://www.dfg.ca.gov/wildlife/hunting/elk/tule/hunts.html>

Outfitters and Guides: A significant portion of the hunt area is closed to vehicle use. You may wish to employ the services of a licensed guide in the hunt or provide pack animals to bring the elk carcass out to a trailhead. Department employees will not be available to assist hunters in removing elk from the field. Outfitters and guides offer a variety of services for elk hunters interested in hunting in wilderness areas. Many have limited space so be sure to contact them as soon as possible to reserve their services. It is your responsibility to verify any guides you retain have a current guide license issued by the Department of Fish and Game. If you plan to hunt on Federal property your guides will also need to be permitted with that agency. Failure to verify the proper licenses required may result in a citation to both the hunter and guide. A list of licensed guides can be obtained online (<http://www.dfg.ca.gov/licensing/hunting/>). Scroll down to the Related Information section and select Big Game Guide List.

Some elk within the hunt area have been fitted with radio collars to provide us with important management information. In the event that you take a collared elk, please contact either Mr. Joe Hobbs at (916) 445-9992 or Mr. Josh Bush at (916) 374-9137 immediately so we can make arrangements to get the collar. To prevent loss of data, it is important to contact us as soon as possible.

The Department is collecting teeth from animals taken by hunters for age analysis. Successful hunters should follow directions on the tooth envelope (included with this flyer) to remove the

two front teeth (and only the two front teeth, please do not send in sections of the jaw) and submit them to the Department. Please do not wrap teeth in plastic or foil. The Department will post the age analysis results at <http://www.dfg.ca.gov/wildlife/hunting/elk> for hunters that submit teeth from their hunt. The age of your animal can be found by using your hunting license number (from the 2011-2012 license year). Please note that these results may not be available until **December** of the **following** year

Please remember that all hunters MUST return tag report cards to the Department within one week after the close of the elk season REGARDLESS of whether an elk was taken.

Care of Meat: Conditions during the elk hunting season can be quite warm. It is critical you are prepared to properly care for the meat if you harvest an animal. Elk are large mammals and hold heat which leads to spoilage. Open up the elk as soon as possible including the neck area. You should be prepared to skin and quarter or bone your elk **immediately** after it is tagged. The meat should be hung in flyproof breathable sacks in the shade until you pack it out. If you are hunting by yourself, you will need, at minimum, four game sacks, plenty of rope, a game hoist, a knife, a knife sharpener, and a pack frame. A meat saw or hatchet and a tarp would also likely be helpful. Be prepared to remove all portions of a harvested animal in a timely fashion to prevent wanton waste, violators will be cited.

Our goal is to assure that you have a safe and enjoyable hunting experience. If you need information as you plan for your hunt please contact Mr. Josh Bush at (916) 374-9137 or Mr. Joe Hobbs, Elk Program Coordinator, at (916) 445-9992. Thank you for your cooperation. We hope you have a successful hunt. Good luck!